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**From:** Higuchi, Dean  
**Sent:** Sat 8/8/2015 1:25:47 AM  
**Subject:** FW: Animas river spill

So far just Ken from Kirkpatrick's office contacted us on this, as it's looking like the spill is going to possibly impact the Navajo Nation in the NM/AZ four corners area – basically the area in NM, but looks like AZ folks may start to get interested.....Kelly mentioned Jared talked to the President of the Navajo Nation.....

Region 8 is the lead right now, as the release happened at the Gold King Mine in CO, but will touch NM, so Region 6 is also involved. Looking like our involvement is in AZ, more specifically the Navajo Nation areas that span AZ and NM.

These areas especially our work with the Navajo Nation is totally new to me.....

Thanks!

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**From:** Montoya, Ken [mailto:Ken.Montoya@mail.house.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 3:08 PM  
**To:** Higuchi, Dean  
**Subject:** Re: Animas river spill

Thanks for all the help on this.

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 7, 2015, at 6:02 PM, Higuchi, Dean <[Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov](mailto:Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Ken,

Here's what we have so far from R8, from what I was told, our R9 folks are working up info as it relates to the Navajo.....will pass on once I get it.....

Thanks!

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**From:** Montoya, Ken [<mailto:Ken.Montoya@mail.house.gov>]

**Sent:** Friday, August 07, 2015 10:57 AM

**To:** Higuchi, Dean

**Cc:** Gallus, Carmen

**Subject:** Re: Animas river spill

Thanks this is very important to the congresswoman

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On Aug 7, 2015, at 4:48 PM, Higuchi, Dean <[Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov](mailto:Higuchi.Dean@epa.gov)> wrote:

Checking in our Region folks and will get back to you, I'm trying to get up to speed on this too right now.....

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**From:** Montoya, Ken  
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**Subject:** Animas river spill

What can you tell about the spill and what is the EPA doing to notify the down streamers.

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